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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Sachetto et al

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For: XANTHAN GUM AND HPMC FOR THE  
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Examiner George

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Commission of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

September 30, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended up to and including October 4, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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